(c) if so, whether the scheme has been sanctioned by the Government and whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the table of the House; and

(d) what is the ultimate cost of the scheme, and what is the extra area contemplated to be irrigated by this scheme?

A.—(a) Yes. The question of placing the report on the table will be considered when it is received by the Government.

(b), (c) & (d) The plans and estimates have not yet been received.

Alleged leakage in the Periyar dam.

* 1706 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a leakage in the Periyar dam, Madura district;

(b) whether Public Works Department is sending the specimens of water that is oozing out for expert chemical analysis; and

(c) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for the Chief Engineer's report and place it on the Council table?

A.—(a) Yes; an estimate amounting to Rs. 85,000 was approved in June 1929 for grouting to stop leakage.

(b) Yes.

(c) There has been no report from the Chief Engineer. The object of the analysis is to discover whether lime is being washed out of the dam in the process of leakage.

Report on the Tungabhadra project.

* 1707 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the 'preliminary' report of the Engineer for the investigation of the Tungabhadra project has been received;

(b) what orders, if any, have been passed thereon; and

(c) whether he proposes to place the report with the orders thereon on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes, very recently.

(b) None.

(c) The suggestion will be considered in due course.

Land Revenue

Levy of water-rate on lands under the Periyar system.

* 1708 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total water-rate collected by Government in each taluk of the Periyar system for faslis 1330 to 1338 (annually); and

(b) the extent of double-crop and wet cultivation on dry lands in each taluk separately?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information.